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In re Application of:

Yunzhi GAO, et al

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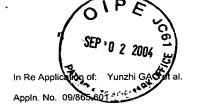
## RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop AF 2011 South Clark Place Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03 Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

The Examiner's action dated June 02, 2004, has been received, and its contents carefully noted.

The rejections presented in sections 2 and 5 of the Action are traversed on the grounds that Japanese publication JP 2000-323151 is not available as prior art against the claims of the present Application. The effective date of that reference as prior art is its publication date, which was November 24, 2000. However, the present Application claims priority rights based on Japanese application no. 2000-157189, filed on May 26, 2000. A certified copy of this priority



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [X] RESPONSE in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted

] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

[XX] No fee is required.

[ ] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS		
TOTAL	•	MINUS	** 20			
INDEP.	•	MINUS	*** 3			
FIRST PR	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					

	SMALL ENTITY					
		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE			
	х	9	\$			
	х	43	\$			
	+	145	\$			
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL			\$			

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY							
	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE					
х	18	\$					
x	86	\$					
+	290	\$					
	TOTAL	\$					

- If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- \*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
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[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

	Small Entity			C	Other Than Small Entity						
	Response Filed Within			Response Filed Within							
	[ ]	First	-	\$ 55.00	[	}	First	-	\$	110.00	
	[ ]	Second	-	\$ 210.00	[	]	Second	-	\$	420.00	
	[ ]	Third	-	\$ 475.00	ſ	}	Third	-	\$	950.00	
	[ ]	Fourth	-	\$ 740.00	[	]	Fourth	-	\$	1480.00	
	Month After Time Period Set			Month After Time Period Set							
	[] [	ess fees (\$	<b>5</b>	) already paid for month(s) extension of time on	_						
[]	Credit C	ard Payme	nt F	orm, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the a	mo	ount of	<b>\$</b> .				

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.18 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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